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Publication of a Preachers' Quarterly

BEGINNING with the New Year, we hope to start the publication of a little quarterly in Burmese, intended to help preachers in their work, especially in the construction and delivery of sermons. This periodical will be very modest in appearance, in plan, and in price.

In order to introduce the quarterly, and secure readers for it, we plan to send the first number free to all Baptist preachers, conversant with the Burmese language, outside of the Sgaw Karen community, so far as we can secure names and addresses. By the term preacher, we of course include pastors and all who preach at more or less regular intervals. We shall be glad to put Bible women on our mailing list, also. Our aim however, is *not* to distribute the quarterly among our Christian constituency, aside from preachers. Our reason for this will be obvious to anyone who realizes that some of the homiletical material in the quarterly may be used by preachers in their sermons.

We hope of course that after we have distributed the first number of the quarterly, many who receive it, will subscribe, so as to receive the periodical regularly in the future. In many cases, churches, associations, and missionaries in charge of fields, will perhaps be willing to send in payment for the quarterly to be sent to pastors and preachers. We are hoping also that gifts and contributions may be received from all who are interested in helping our preachers, especially those not conversant with the English language, in their work of presenting Christian truth ably and effectively. It is no easy task for pastors in America and Britain, with all the libraries of the English-speaking world at their disposal, to produce one or perhaps two effective and helpful sermons every week. We can hardly imagine, then, where resources are so limited as at present in Burmese, what the task must be.

It may be said that there are no very definite financial resources on hand for this venture, and unless help is given by all who are interested, we stand to have a deficit at the end of the year. It is to be hoped therefore that churches and individuals throughout Burma will be generous not only in sending subscriptions, but also gifts and contributions, in order that this effort to help our preachers fulfill their great commission may not fail for lack of support.

A. C. HANNA.

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A Day Apart

Mr. Mattison B. Jones, president of the Northern Baptist Convention, has issued the following appeal:

"It is common knowledge that many of our brethren, by reason of unemployment, are unable to make their usual gifts for the support of our denominational work.

"Nevertheless hundreds of thousands of Baptists are still employed or continue to derive revenue from business or investments.

"Unless these more fortunate ones will take the place of others who would give but cannot, our cherished missionary work must suffer.

"To protect this world-wide chain of missions that is carrying the gospel to all the world, Northern Baptists will observe *Friday, January 29, 1932,* as a day apart, dedicated to the maintenance of our Unified Missionary Budget.

"Give at least the earnings or other income of that day—of more than one day if you can—in behalf of some Baptist whose income has been stopped.

"Make it a gift over and above all your planned or usual giving for the year. Only an actual increase from the individual able to give will help.

"Even as Simon of Cyrene bore the Cross, we should do this thing for Him who took upon Himself the burdens of us all."

The Watchman-Examiner of Nov. 26th tells us that members of the secretarial staff of the Foreign Mission Society have voluntarily returned to the Board substantial portions of their salaries as contributions to the foreign mission cause, in view of the exceedingly grave financial outlook for the work at the present time.

Would it not be fitting if we missionaries should share in this appeal? Send gifts to the Field Secretary.

Hymn for the New Year

By Charlotte Elliott

I take my pilgrim staff anew,
Life's path, untrodden, to pursue,
Thy guiding eye, my Lord, I view;
My times are in thy hand.

Throughout the year, my heavenly Friend,
On thy blest guidance I depend;
From its commencement to its end
My times are in thy hand.

Should comfort, health, and peace be mine,
Should hours of gladness on me shine,
Then let me trace thy love divine:
My times are in thy hand.

But shouldst thou visit me again
With languor, sorrow, sickness, pain,
Still let this thought my hope sustain,
My times are in thy hand.

Thy smile alone makes moments bright,
That smile turns darkness into light;
This thought will soothe grief's saddest night,
My times are in thy hand.

Should those this year be called away
Who lent to life its brightest ray,
Teach me in that dark hour to say,
My times are in thy hand.

A few more days, a few more years—
Oh, then a bright reverse appears,
Then I shall no more say with tears,
My times are in thy hand.

That hand my steps will gently guide
To the dark brink of Jordan's tide,
Then bear me to the heavenward side:
My times are in thy hand.

Burman Mission News

Kalaw

Now at the end of December, after three months of ailing, I am very much better. We have had many assurances of prayer on our behalf and we want to express our appreciation of all such. We feel very definitely that my steady improvement has been in answer to prayer. At first Dr. Udam Singh and Dr. Henderson were not quite sure what was the matter with me but were afraid I had had or was about to have a slight "stroke."

Anyhow Ma Nature had suddenly dropped me off the shelf of my ordinary physical fitness and left me way below par. I myself feared I should never be quite normal again and feared I was to be relegated to a wheel-chair for the rest of my earthly pilgrimage, however long or short.

Nevertheless I am now nearly normal, except that I am still weak and tire very easily.

The doctors succeeded in bringing my blood-pressure down very quickly, from 220 to 166.7, which is really normal for my age. And I have regained quite full use of my powers.

I realized very soon that I would not be able to go on with my work with any hope of finishing what I have in hand as the doctors both insisted that I would have to work very slowly and with not too much concentration, when I got better. So I gave up the two book series on "Luke and Acts" and determined to quit when I got "Romans" through the Press.

It was already in the hands of the Committee. They rushed their work and soon got it into the Press. The Press, too, have been rushing it and I have easily kept the corrected proof going back promptly. The first proof was completed the day after Christmas, and we hope to finish final proofs before the middle of January. Then I can leave the book with the Press to come out in the usual way. This finishes my three-book series on Pauls' letters of the Third Missionary Journey, I'm glad to get that done and feel that it is a good place to stop.

We hope to get away by a Dollar Line boat sailing from Colombo February 10 direct to New York. The "House by The Side of the Road" with its furnishings, remains in the Mission as a Rest Cottage for the Missionary Staff of the A. B. M. Press. Doubtless Missionary vacationers will find just as hospitable a welcome for a little rest after climbing that short-cut up from the station. You may not find as toothsome a Golden Bantam, however.

The first week in December we celebrated the 44th anniversary of our first landing at Rangoon in 1887. We have done regular station and school work and jungle evangelism in Prome and Rangoon Fields; frontier work at Haka and Kengtung; one term of College work at Rangoon and eleven years of Literature-work here in Kalaw. It has been a blessed and satisfactory service. We reluctantly leave it now, hoping for a little time with the loved ones at home in the twilight.

H. H. Tilbe

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Maymyo

Our Christmas morning Union Service, was attended by about four hundred people. The Burma Rifles Band added greatly to the enrichment of the service. Anthems by our Indian, Burmese, and English congregation, together with a beautifully rendered sextette by our Karen fellow Christians, were deeply appreciated

y an audience which filled the rowded auditorium, platform and wo side-rooms. The atmosphere as surcharged with the spirit of hristmas. Mr. E. H. Lee presided nd prefaced the program with emarks about God having over-uled the decree of Augustus Caesar, that all should be enrolled, in order o be taxed" to fulfill a prophecy iat *Christ should be born at ethlehem.* The grand old hymns:— While shepherds watched their ocks by night," "Hark the herald ngels sing," and "Thou didst leave hy throne," were sung with en-nusiasm, and although voiced in nison in four languages, there was perfect harmony. Very brief addresses by the three pastors, in Hindustani, Burmese, and English, centred in the *Incarnation* of the Son of God. An offering of over seventy rupees, for our "All Burma Orphanage" at Moulmein, was received.

We came away from that service, refreshed, uplifted, strengthened and with an ardent longing for the whole round world to know and love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are planning for an intensive campaign, throughout the year 1932, for the evangelization of every non-Christian in Maymyo. Please remember us in prayer.

Ernest Grigg.

Karen Mission News

Nyaunglebin News

Many doors have been opening for ie preaching of God's word in the Nyaunglebin District. We did not eem to be able to reach them all so uring Conference in October I spoke o Mr. Dyer about it, and he said he ould arrange to send five of the Karen Seminary students to us every eek-end for the next three months. One of the immediate results of this rengthening of our forces was the orming of two prayer bands in the Nyaunglebin school. The prayer life f the students belonging to these ands has been greatly intensified and elped, and their vision broadened. he Nyaunglebin Women's Society nd the Home Mission Society of this istrict have for years supported vangelists who went up and down is District preaching the word of od. In some places it needed only ie special effort of the Gospel Team gather in the harvest. In the first llage to which the Gospel Team ent the people all wanted the mem-rs of the Gospel Team to come into eir homes and preach to them, and ay with them, but after all they decided to be baptised at some later time.

The second village we visited was a non-Christian village. There were nineteen of us who went that week-end, five from the Seminary and the others from the school. When at home I often spoke of the "Road to Mandalay" and what a help it would be to us. But others would use the road also, to bring liquor and other evils to these villages so long hidden away in the jungle. In this non-Christian village liquor has gotten in ahead of the Gospel. One old woman has the drinking habit, and when she gets drunk she sheds all her clothes, and goes along this "Road to Mandalay" in this distressing condition. She has a son and a daughter who would like to become Christians, but the old lady says they should wait until she is dead and then they can do as they wish. She was very friendly to us when we stayed at her house, and worked hard to cook enough curry and rice for our people. We divided the crowd into small groups and visited the homes. One group went to a house where the man told them he did not want to

listen to the preaching, so of course they left. Just a few days ago we heard that this man was killed while protecting his property out in the field. If he had known that his end was so near he might have listened.

It was my privilege in another village to encourage a young man who was baptised while he was attending the Shwegyin school. He had to leave school some years ago because of a big boil on his leg, and in the village his friends said magic words and blew on some medicines which they applied. As this is a heathen custom not permitted by Christians he was put out of the church. All this was like a death-blow to his young Christian experience, and he did not try to go back to school, but simply stayed on at the village. By and by he married a non-Christian girl, and thought himself lost to Christianity. I told him that God's love was great enough to cover our sins, if we confess them, and he should not let anyone call him a backslider if he felt in his heart that he loved God and wanted to be his follower. After a while he promised to go to Shwegyin and confess his sin. At the Sunday evening meeting the wife of this young man was one of the twenty-four who came forward indicating that she wanted to become a Christian. That was only a week ago, and last Sunday we sent four boys to this village again to have worship with these people, and to teach them some of the songs of the Christians.

To-day we are expecting a number of the students from the Seminary for the Christmas campaign in a number of other non-Christian villages. During the rains our Evangelist, B. Tha Ya, often went to the Court here in Nyaunglebin and visited with the people he found there. He made friends with them, and received invitations to come to their villages, and now he is trying to follow up these invitations. It seems impossible to reach all the villages where the people are willing to listen to the preachi of God's word. Wherever the Gos Team has gone many said they wou think about taking the next step, a in most places many took the fi step, coming forward before th neighbors, indicating that they want to become Christians. Surely t harvest is ripe, but the laborers a few. Pray that the Lord may se laborers to gather the harvest f Him.

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The All-Sufficiency of Chri

Do we really believe that c Gospel is a gospel of love and f giveness and truth and patience, Gospel which we are the more bou to offer to men as their need of and our needs are the more clea shown?

The fundamental question is as whether we know what Christian really is and mean really to give c lives to its claim. *This is all th is to the foreign missions appeal a argument.* Everything else is sec dary or irrelevant. If Christ is only Lord and Saviour then He m be shared with all mankind. If present methods of sharing Him inadequate or ineffective, then let men who believe in Christ rise up a correct them and pour out in enterprise a new flood of power a accomplishment. This is what is ally needed—a great volume of n and unwithholding devotion.

Robert E. Spe

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If you try to get men to understand Gospel, you will fail; but if you preach with a heart on fire with love for t souls, you will succeed.

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For Sale

Wardrobe trunk, bought new a months ago in New York City.

Mrs. A. C. Hanna,
c/o The Mission Pr

Report of Chapel Fund for the period ending Dec. 31, 1931

nount contributed by Mr. Rockefeller $35,000.00.

nditional pledge of Mr. Rockefeller $15,000.00.

	Amount Pledged. Rs.	A.	P.
issionaries	29,985	13	0
ld Students	22,020	0	0
urches, etc.	54,189	14	10
Total	1,06,195	11	10

	Amount Paid. Rs.	A.	P.
issionaries	29,674	15	0
ld Students	14,637	12	3
urches, etc.	51,429	7	10
Total	95,742	3	1
tal Expenditure to December 31, 1931	42,128	2	6
et Credit Balance on December 31, 1931	53,614	0	7

	Rs.	A.	P.
angoon-Pyapon Burman Churches	4,691	5	0
dson College (Entertainments, etc.)	3,432	2	9
angoon Karen Churches	3,740	4	3
angoon English Baptist Ch.	1,211	0	0
ushing High School	170	0	0
nmanuel Baptist Church	1,575	10	0
assein Pwo Karen	733	0	0
assein Sgaw Karen Churches	5,811	2	0
assein-Myaungmya, Burman	355	14	0
oulmein Burman Churches.	2,620	3	0
oulmein English Baptist Ch.	632	1	6
oulmein Talaing	105	0	0
oulmein Karen Churches	523	12	0
enzada Karen Churches	3,573	5	0
enzada Burman Churches	1,497	2	6
oungoo Paku Karen Ch.	1,094	6	0
oungoo Bwe Paren Ch.	763	9	3
oungoo Burman	204	0	0
andalay	887	0	0
harrawaddy Karen Churches	1,103	10	6
aymyo Baptist Church	1,415	8	9
eiktila	983	14	6
hwegyin Karen Churches	1,054	9	0
yinmana	545	15	6
aunggyi	979	14	3
oikaw Karen Churches	418	11	6
andoway Churches	492	13	6
apun Karen Churches	131	0	0
rome	354	8	3
ongnai	57	0	0
yitkyina	358	14	0
hamo Churches	284	15	3
amkham	413	5	0
Lashio Trinity Church	60	0	0
Loilem	36	0	0
Kengtung	15	0	0
Sagaing	199	0	0
Nyaunglebin Karen Churches	175	7	3
Indian Work Mergui	10	0	0
Kalaw Christians	12	0	0
Myingyan	250	0	0
Maubin Pwo Karen Churches	369	8	0
Tavoy Karen Churches	59	4	0
Thonze	149	0	0
Thaton	23	0	0
Loimwe	6	0	0
Collections at Convention	101	2	6
Tamil Bap. Church, Rangoon	75	0	0
Thayetmyo	113	0	0
Friends	2,470	0	0
Interests	5,090	8	10
Total	51,429	7	10

Respectfully submitted,
Mya Pon,
Treasurer, Judson College,
December 31, 1931. *Rangoon.*

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Chapel Fund

As the year closes the work on the Chapel shows satisfactory progress. The walls are ready for the roof trusses and the trusses are being assembled. The tower is rising above the other walls. Some of the jali work has already been put in place. The fine proportions of the structure are now conspicuous. The architect has produced a very attractive picture of the building as it will be when finished. It has called forth some very high praise.

The time has now arrived when the campaign for funds to complete the building and furnish it must be pressed. The reason for this is convincing. Mr. Rockefeller's conditional offer of $15,000.00 at the present time would realize in Indian money Rs. 57,000. This would leave only Rs. 43,000 of the last Rs. 1,00,000 to raise in Burma. Mr. Rockefeller's conditional offer will be good up to 31st May, 1932. This opportunity is too attractive to be neglected even in this very difficult period. Surely if we all pull together for the coming five months we can raise this sum.

Wallace St. John.

Kachin Mission News

Namkham

These lines are penned on the top of a high mountain a couple of days from home. We have just had baptism and communion and a three-hour service. This is my sixth baptismal service since our return from the Rangoon Conference. We have thus during the last month welcomed 56 new members by baptism. Quite a number of folks have also, at least nominally, stepped out from nat worship and accepted Christ. In less than two months time we have helped twenty-three families to get rid of their nat implements. Among these are five leading families in a district formerly unresponsive to all our efforts. Among the newly baptized is also a Circle Headman of great influence.

At this Conference, as well as every other Conference I have attended, schools and education took up the main part of the program. Should not the evangelization of Burma hold the center in a Missionary Conference? Would it not be interesting, edifying, and spiritually warming if some session could be set aside for an old fashioned testimony meeting, when there should be no time limit and when we all could have a chance to get up and "boast" of experiences of God's power revealed on our respective fields. G. A. Sword.

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Bhamo

Not every missionary has the joy of reporting a welcome back to Burma from two stations within a month.

It was with mingled feelings that we arrived in Bhamo on the 20th of November. Just thirty-nine years ago we landed in the same place with our friend and leader Dr. W. H. Roberts. From the deck of the steamer he pointed out the red turbaned Kachin school boys and among them we saw a white man whom we later learned to be Dr. O. Hanson, wi whom we had the privilege of wor ing for thirty-six years.

At that time there was only o Kachin school and not a Christian the mountains. To-day there a over sixty schools and thousands Kachin Christians living in larg and smaller villages in the mountai all the way from Namhkam in t south to Hkamti or Putao in t north, a distance of about five hu dred miles.

What a venture of faith on the pa of such men as Dr. Cushing a Lyons and Dr. Roberts who saw t possibilities for the extention of Go kingdom among the Kachins, who the face of much sickness and t death of dear ones and plunder a fire and war continued! Thank G that they lived to see the day dav of a new era and the coming of t Kingdom of God and the fulfilme of His promise.

Mr. Spring gave us a warm w come to Bhamo and nearby Christia in song and words and flowers e pressed they joy over our return Kachin land. Mr. Woodbury had j gone on a short trip to the hills a Mrs. Woodbury had not yet arriv with John and Jane and Caroli from Taunggyi. Their welcome ca later.

A trip to Sinlum to select a site f the new work was made with M Spring. Everywhere the Kac Christians expressed their happin in eggs and chickens over our retu

However we were just about taki a good hold on the work when S. O. S. call came from the Dudro Of the many who were ready to ru to their aid it seemed best for to go.

Mrs. Dudrow had been ill in hospital for two months with ente in that time she had a relapse. M Dudrow was having repeated atta of fever, but could not spare time

proper treatment until he too was carried to the hospital. I am happy to report that when I arrived on Sunday evening the 20th December, both had a normal temperature and were out of danger. Within the following seven days they made such rapid progress on the road to recovery that Mr. Dudrow was discharged on the 28th and Mrs. Dudrow was to return home the next day.

This rather unexpected visit to Myitkyina certainly gave our many friends in Myitkyina an opportunity to look into our faces again. Of course each village extended an invitation to visit them, but since that was out of the question invitations were sent out to come and meet me in Myitkyina. On Sunday over 250 men and women came from jungle villages, some a distance of twenty miles to see that I had really arrived and again and again ask why I did not bring Mama Geis with me. Thirty-eight years in heat and cold, through rain and shine, night and day we labored to bring these men and women the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I know the rock whence they are hewn, I saw the pit out of which they had been rescued. The cup of joy was overflowing as I looked into their faces.

It some times happens that a mission policy of a station which it has taken years to build up is entirely changed or neglected in a year or two by a missionary successor. I am happy to say that this is not the case in Myitkyina, if you don't believe it then read again Mr. Dudrow's article in the December NEWS.

Geo. J. Geis.

Greetings from Field Secretary

Dear Friends,

Mrs. Chaney and I are again getting settled in the Rangoon home. We hope we may have the pleasure of visits from you all when in Rangoon. Just drop in and see us. Dont wait for "business" to bring you. The latch string is out. We have just had the pleasure of sending Christmas greetings to you all and on some of the cards the New Year greetings were lacking. That was the fault of the printer and not ours, so I hasten to wish you a Happy New Year in case the publisher was at fault, and anyway if some of you are doubly blessed with good wishes, it will not hurt you.

I occupied some of my leisure time on the boat enroute to Burma addressing two of those long formidable documents sometimes called Round Robins, one from the *Atlantic* on the Economic Conditions in America, and the other on Religious Conditions in America, both subjects worn threadbare by overmuch comment. That is why I could write so interminably on them. At least I got some of it off my chest, but I doubtless owe some of you apologies for burdening you. Probably you had good sense enough to pass it on without reading. Now I am beginning to get filled up on the topic "Conditions in Burma," but I am not going to unload that on you also.

You will be glad to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Dudrow are both improving and on the way to health. They will need their furlough and probably will be on their way to America before many months. It now looks as though Mr. Bruce would have to leave for America this spring also for health reasons. We shall miss all of these friends very much. There is to be quite an exodus this spring when furloughs are due; it fairly takes one's breath away, how will we be able to get along without these shipmates.

Whether all is well with Burma or not, nevertheless, "God is in his heavens" A real Christian cannot be

pessimistic, for the best is yet to come. We are glad to welcome back those who have come and that will be coming. It is good to have Hannas with us again after so long a furlough. We hear fine reports from the Team over in India. The Presidents of two Institutions have written letters to this office calling attention to their deep gratitude to us for sending the Team over there.

C. E. Chaney.

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A Resolution for 1932

"I'll say the loyal helpful thing that makes life sweet and fair,
I'll pay the gratitude I owe for human love and care.
Perhaps I've been at fault sometimes—I'll ask to be forgiven.
And make this little world of mine seem like a bit of heaven."

—*Henry van Dyke.*

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Lines quoted by Dr. Morgan

In a Lecture to Students on February 3rd

A lowly Man—He takes my sins, and bears the heavy load;
A lowly Man—He takes my hand and leads me up the road;
And when I know this lowly Man is my Creator, God!
Oh, this hath solved me much dark speech, and loosed tongues that were dumb!
For all creation round me now a Gospel hath become.
And what had seemed to me before mere wild confused Babel,
Is now a fire-tongued Pentecost, proclaiming Christ is able!
The thunders, in the crashing skies, announce it as they roll;
The lightnings, on the black storm-wall, write it in vivid scroll;
And stars repeat it, down the dark, in mystic jeweled light;
The Urim and the Thummim, on the breastplate of the night;
And strong Orion shouts to me, what slumbered in old fable,
And echoes from eternal night-vaults answer, Able! Able!
And comet cresting bended heavens, waves echo to the word,
Like waving white plume, in the star-mailed helmet of the Lord;
For all creation its evangel utters forth abroad
Into mine ear, when now I know my Saviour, Christ, is God.

Women's Bible School

Please keep in remembrance that the Karen Women's Bible School will have its 35th annual graduating exercises at 6-30 p.m., Monday, January 25th at Brayton Memorial Hall. All are very cordially invited.

The exercises by the Graduating Class will be centered around the thought of being helpers in the Burma for Christ Movement.

There are twenty-nine in the graduating class. Of these twenty-three have taken the usual three year course. One High School girl has taken a two year special course and is an accomplished musician.

Three who have taken a one year special course are graduates from the Ellen Mitchell Memorial Hospital and have been a very great help to us in caring for the sick, teaching first aid, etc., as well as having special interest in all departments of evangelistic work.

Two others who have taken this one year special course are trained teachers from Morton Lane Normal and have made their influence felt. Best of all, each of the twenty-nine seems truly anxious to be a witness for Christ.

This class has done more practical work than ever before and we owe much to Saya John Thet Gyi and Thra Chit Maung for their untiring helpfulness. We are grateful for all who have helped to open doors of opportunity.

While I am writing this, seventy-two of our girls, divided into six groups and led by our teachers, Saya Byu, Nurse Laura and Miss Carman are spending five days giving the Christmas message in several near-by villages.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

Violetta Peterson.

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"Our dominant thought regulates our activities."

Pwo Karen Mission News

It is hard to find time to write up our doings these days for our new engine goes so fast we hardly get started before we are at our next stop. Sometimes too when we get aboard we are so weary that the couch looks more inviting than the typewriter. It is now 11-30 a. m. and we have had two services, one in our boat with the workers and the second in the chapel where we had a good attendance of Christians in this village of Thoung-zu. They are all Sgaw Karens so I understood very little of the personal testimonies that not a few of them gave. We have one of the Burmese evangelists with us on this trip and he is a good preacher according to reports. The people listen well to him. After breakfast we divide forces. The men will go in two groups to two heathen villages, the Bible Women and I will work here in the village where we are tied up. There are ten houses to visit; seven of them are Christian.

Last week we had some difficult times but turned them to good account. Perhaps if we had not had them we would have missed some opportunities. Thomas had to go to Rangoon for repairs and was gone three days. Fortunately we were near our destination and were tied up near three villages which we could reach either by cart, boat or on foot. So we had plenty of work.

December 23rd. We are now tied up at Mezali Village. Are in the danger zone of dacoits but thus far all has been well. To-morrow we go to a new section where we shall have another sectional conference with the Christians. We have had three services already to-day and it is now 2-30 p.m., we are waiting for the incoming tide to carry us back to Thoung-zu where we are booked for a campaign this evening. This morning we went to a Burman village near-by and held a campaign service for an hour and a half. Had a good audience and very good attention.

There were several Burmans and Buddhist Karens present. The closing part of the service was for them. They confessed real interest but gave no definite decision for Christ. Oh! if only the Christians here were on fire we should surely see others coming to Christ.

As we pass these large Burman villages and towns and see the crowds of people and the many houses, where practically no work is being done, we ask ourselves "When is Burma going to be won if we do not win the Burmans?" It looks a big task and we are only playing at it.

M. B. Pound.

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Six Surprises

Dr. W. J. Dawson tells of six genuine surprises which will come to the man who begins to tithe his income:

1. At the amount of money he has for the Lord's work.
2. At the deepening of his spiritual life in paying the tithe.
3. At his ease in meeting his own obligations with the nine-tenths.
4. At the ease in going on from one-tenth to larger giving.
5. Over the preparation this gives to be a faithful, wise steward over the nine-tenths that remain.
6. At himself in not adopting the plan sooner.

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"The ear of mankind is more hungry for sympathy than the mouth for bread."

The basis of our friendship with God is our obedience to Him.

The Appraisal Commission

You will all wish to hear at an early date concerning the visit of the Appraisal Commission which arrived the 11th and sailed the 17th of December. It was of course altogether too inadequate a period of time for them to go very extensively and personally into the conditions of mission work in Burma. However, they had the material handed to them by the Fact Finding Commission of last year, and we prepared for the largest possible use of the commission while here. The list of Commissioners given in the order of "Who is who" is as follows. In addition to the Commissioners there were Mrs. Emerson, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Taylor and two lady Secretaries.

Dr. Clarence A. Barbour
President of Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island. Formerly President of the Rochester Theological Seminary. Dr. Barbour is a well-known educator, lecturer and preacher.

Dr. Frederic Woodward
Vice-chairman of the Commission. Dean of the Faculties of the University of Chicago. Trained as a lawyer, Dr. Woodward practised and taught law and has made a specialty of problems of education and educational administration.

Dr. Arlo A. Brown
President of Drew University. Dr. Brown has had a wide range of experience in educational and administrative work.

Charles Phillips Emerson, M.D.
Professor of Medicine and Dean of the Medical School of the University of Indiana. Dr. Emerson is well known as an author on medical subjects; was formerly a member of the staff at Johns Hopkins Medical School; and was at one time Superintendent of the Sanitarium at Clifton Springs, N.Y.

Mrs. William Ernest Hocking, of Cambridge, Massachusetts
Mrs. Hocking, a woman of high intellectual attainments, has long been interested in elementary school education.

Albert L. Scott of New York City
President of Lockwood Greene Engineers, Inc. Mr. Scott has been serving as chairman of Laymen's Committee.

Dr. Orville A. Petty
Dr. Petty is not a member of the Commission, but is acting as director of the party. He is a Professor in the School of Religion of Yale University.

There was a goodly delegation of Karens, Burmans and missionaries on the wharf to greet the Commission. Three of us had gone out on the launch to meet the ship in the harbour. After the reception at the wharf a few of us with the Commission met at the Strand Hotel where the Commission put up, to plan for their time and activities among us. Some preparations had been made in anticipation of their coming. Since they were to be here so short a time it was decided that they should spend as much time as possible outside Rangoon, then regather here for certain conferences. All but two of the Commission left either Friday afternoon, the day they arrived, or Saturday, visiting the following places, Moulmein, Pegu, Toungoo, Pyinmana, Mandalay and Bassein. Dr. Barbour and Dr. Brown felt that they must remain in Rangoon, however; we sent them off on two trips, one to Tharrawaddy and Thonze, and the other to Pegu and a jungle village thirty-five miles beyond. The two lady Secretaries remained here and took a Sunday trip to a jungle village with the Josifs.

On the afternoon of their arrival Mrs. Chaney served tea to give the ladies of the mission an opportunity to meet the ladies of the party, and when I speak of mission, I include the Methodists for they were partners with us in this whole affair.

Dr. Barbour was in Rangoon over Sunday and was much in demand. Dr. Brown bearing the same relation to the Methodist Mission. Dr. Barbour gave two notable addresses, one to the College in the morning and one at Immanuel Church in the evening. He met a group of Karen

pastors at Insein in the afternoon. Dr. Barbour and Dr. Woodward were also invited to luncheon one noon at Government House, but on account of unforeseen conditions H. E. the Governor was unable to receive them on the only day the Commission had, and so the luncheon was cancelled.

Tuesday the Commission had a two-hour conference with selected Karen leaders in the morning and with selected Burman leaders in the afternoon. In the evening a half dozen mission homes entertained the party in small groups. At 8-30 the whole missionary staff of Rangoon and vicinity met with the whole Commission in Benton Hall for an open discussion of some vital mission problems. This conference lasted nearly two hours. Wednesday morning was spent in conference for two hours with a group of Baptist missionaries. The following were invited to participate in it. All but one or two were present.

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In the afternoon several members of the Commission were out to tea at the College, others of us attended the Girl Guide Rally at Government House. Shortly after 5:00 p.m. the Commissioners met a group of eight leading Buddhist Elders in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building for a discussion of Christian Missions, their contribution to the life, thought and progress of Burma through evangelism, education, medical work and literary work. The Mayor, U Thein Maung, was among those present. There was some very frank expression of opinions given the Commissioners on these subjects. In the evening the Commissioners met and had dinner with the Methodist Mission after which they had an open conference attended by both missionaries and indigenous Christians.

Dr. Barbour had been so engrossed in work and rushed in meeting appointments that he had actually not really seen Rangoon. Early Thursday morning I took him out with the car for an hour and half turn about the city before breakfast. Breakfast over, everyone was in a rush for the boat. Quite a group of missionaries were down to see them off. The last half hour was a delightful experience of fellowship and social intercourse on deck.

Now the question in the minds of many is, "what next"? The Fact Finding Commission came and did its work and passed on its results without our knowing what they are. The Appraisal Commission has come and gone, and "What will they report to the Boards and how will they advise them"? That remains to be seen.

Of this we are sure, that there came to us choice selection as representatives from the Appraisal Commission, and their presense with us was a blessing in the way of fellowship and inspiration. These individuals in their persons, their sympathy with us and our problems, their wide experience and understanding commend themselves to us for their task. There are ways in which they can make a real and vital contribution to the welfare and progress of the task we are seeking to accomplish. However, perhaps the way in

which they will make the largest possible contribution will be in their message to the laymen at home and in undergirding the confidence of large givers as well as the rank and file of givers in the type of work being done and the type and devotion of the men and women on the field giving their lives to this task.

This group of Commissioners, because of the very nature of the task they have undertaken, should receive our continued co-operation through prayer, that they may be led to the wisest conclusions and that no mistake may be made in their findings and recommendations.

Field Secretary.

Rural Conference at Nagpur

It has been my privilege to attend a Conference of Rural Workers at Nagpur with Dr. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Sibley of the Laymen's Appraisal Commission. The gathering of some thirty delegates from all parts of India, gave an opportunity to meet men and women and see methods being tried in other missions for rural reconstruction. The men on the Commission were anxious to see what elements there were in our work which would multiply themselves like yeast and transform life far beyond the bounds of direct missionary effort.

This Conference gave prominence to the work being done by Agricultural Missionaries for village uplift to an extent I have not known before in India. The increase in the amount of work being done for the economic improvement and which is getting down within reach of the village people is noteworthy. I had the opportunity of visiting some places where this work was being done.

Mr. Peterson at Lahore with a rural community centre in a neighbouring village, using the radio as part of the educational program indicated how city forcess can take part in village uplift. Also at Alwaye in South India an Indian Christian College had a rural settlement and conducted a school for the help of village people and was demonstrating a form of educational and practical service which might well be imitated by other colleges. How the college can participate more actively in the program for village uplift was one of the problems discussed.

Rural Reconstruction Units of different types are being tried out in many places. Sangli, Bombay Presidency, Mr. John Goheen told of Poultry Clubs, a Grain Bank for storage of grain till the time of good prices, a rat extermination campaign, and a central reading room being carried on. In addition a Moveable School on a truck, visiting more distant villages, taught agriculture, health and religion.

Near the Southern tip of India at Martandam near Trivandrum Mr. D. Spencer Hatch has a noteworthy piece of work. Here one out of four in the population is Christian. Village Marketing Societies have been very successful. Twice a week the products such as eggs, chickens, honey and vegetables are brought in and the rural centre markets them. To make the villagers practice improved methods much visitation is done, lectures given in the village market places and examples of improved practices are carried on by village demonstrators whom other villagers may imitate. A large number of voluntary workers are enlisted in the villages to carry on the program and each year a two weeks course of training is given for these in Tamil. A six weeks summer course is also given in English for rural workers from all over India to study the methods they are following here.

I visited a similar Y.M.C.A. Rural

Reconstruction Centre at Ramanathpuram near Combitore, Madras Presidency. The centre occupies four acres and carries on demonstrations of poultry, pig, gardening and beekeeping. They are showing that bee keeping can be a profitable occupation which requires little land. Jowar, Cocoanut, Plantain, Tamarind and Niem trees were found to produce an abundance of honey. Here eggs, tomatoes, honey, pigs and poultry are marketed for the villagers. Also Co-operative Credit Societies are organized and supervised from this centre. The secret of the success of these Y.M.C.A. centres is that they have learned to co-ordinate and utilize all the existing agencies of Government and Missions such as agricultural colleges, the Health Department, Co-operative Department, Mission hospitals etc. and direct their forces to the service of village needs. These nation building forces appear to me can similarly be laid hold of for our village needs in Burma. The forces are present waiting to be harnessed to the needs of the village.

At Chinglepat near Madras I visited another type of rural centre which was a village middle vernacular school conducted by the Scotch Presbyterians in which part of the time was given to Agriculture and Village Industries such as rope making, grass mat weaving, cloth weaving and dying. The students live in groups in separate houses and work together in groups in the field or shop. A welfare centre with a nurse is located here and among other things she teaches the local untrained midwives sanitary methods. Co-operative Credit Societies are also supervised in the vicinity. Rev. J. G. Haldane in charge does not have agricultural training but is keenly interested.

Mr. J. J. De Valois of the American Reformed Church Mission at Katpadi near Madras has an agricultural institute which I visited. He is doing an excellent work for the surrounding villages. He has developed a farm to demonstrate improved methods suited for village needs. Poultry keeping has been especially pushed and the improved birds, White Leghorns, Black Minorcas and Rhode Island Reds are being distributed in the villages and his farm is the centre for a co-operative egg marketing association. Some of the villagers have been getting a good part of their living from the eggs thus being sold. Fruit growing is also being pushed.

A vernacular middle school with two hours a day practice in agriculture is conducted on the farm. In India much more is done with vernacular schools than we have done in Burma. Also in the summer vacation a short course of six weeks is given here for village workers and farmers. New practices learned here are carried back to the villages and extension workers continue to visit these people when they return to their villages and help them to carry out what has been learned. At the village markets additional instruction and demonstrations are given. Dr. Scudder from the nearby Vellore hospital also conducts wayside dispensaries twice a week for hundreds of people who gather waiting for her from the surrounding villages. Injection for leprosy is one of the treatments receiving special attention.

As to economic conditions it seemed the trade depression had not hit India relatively so hard as Burma. There seemed more work available for those who wanted it. The village people were less hungry than they were sixteen years ago when I last visited South India and they had more flesh on their bones. An Indian Professor from the Agricultural College at Coimbitore stated that as he looked back twenty years there seemed to be improvement in the economic condition of the villages. I could not help but feel the united efforts of all the agencies working for village improve-

ment were beginning to show some results. Of course Government revenues have decreased and grants are being cut there as here though I believe not quite so severely. The Madras Government agency for temperance propaganda was one line being given up. On the whole the Government is Indianized to such an extent that it is hard to find a British Official around Madras. I saw none. Politically the atmosphere is full of uncertainty. There was friendliness everywhere. They seemed to wonder why Burma wants separation.

Besides seeing agriculture, I had some opportunities to observe some other mission activities. There seems to be a greater understanding and acceptance of the spirit of Christ by educated Hindus than among the educated Buddhists in Burma. The theistic background may help to make this easier. I heard remarkable statements of the recognition of Christ's uniqueness and adoration of Him by Hindus at meetings to celebrate Christmas, such as I have not known Buddhists to make. I wonder if part of this is due to the generations of Christian teaching carried on in the Mission schools of the land. There are many who count themselves disciples of Christ but for social reasons say they are unwilling to join the Christian Church. This trip has given me a greater appreciation of and admiration for India and its spiritual attainments. The Indian seems to have a certain background and language for understanding the Christian message which I have often found it difficult to find to convey this understanding to the Burmese Buddhist mind.

I heard good news of our Burma Gospel Team in South India.

Brayton C. Case.

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Grace triumphs in human helplessness: the tendency in man is to turn away from those who are helpless.

Thonze

Statistic time of the year has come, and so we are looking for them. We find we have baptized just 150 people on the Thonze Field this year, and fifty on the rest of the Association. But the hopeful thing is that the interest is spreading. But money is scarce and the churches are finding it harder than ever to support their pastors and home mission work and other work that they are accustomed to make gifts to. But of course that is explained by the general hard times. However, they have not been inclined to cut salaries nor other contributions.

We are glad that the poor and needy have had work for the last month or more helping to reap paddy and thresh it. Not so many folks hungry. But now that that work is over the next thing that they look forward to is the planting and ploughing time months ahead. But there will be wood to cut and haul and saw and split. Folks are using for firewood sticks and bamboos that they would not have looked at formerly.

We had a great Christmas for about a week and then a pair of weddings. Now we are beginning on our week of prayer which will be likely to last for a month, for we usually visit all the homes that are reachable. Our prayers are for another good year minus the rebellion. As we pray for ourselves, we pray for you and your work too. Would that we could keep uppermost in our minds that we are out here to win folks and to build them up in the fruits of the Spirit. Other things are important and must be done, too. But nothing is so needed as this work.

Just got back from Thayetmyo, the northernmost city of our troubled field. How many folks there are. It is staggering as one thinks of the job there is to be done as one whizzes past village after village and wonders who will preach there and whether anyone ever has.

J. T. Latta.

American School, Taunggyi

The Committee of Management of ne above school held a meeting in Rangoon recently, when Mrs. Allen vas very heartily welcomed to the vork of the school. We trust that he and her two little daughters will e very happy in their new home in Taunggyi, and we know that Mrs. Allen will make a real contribution to ur school there and to the lives of ur children whom she will teach.

Parents will be interested in some f the decisions made by the Com-ittee:—

1. The new school year has been ivided into four terms as follows:—
   (1) February 29 to April 29.
   (2) May 9 to July 1st
   (3) July 6 to September 9
   (4) September 19 to November 17

The above schedule will meet the inimum requirement of school days, n most schools in the U.S.A.

Children will have to leave Rangoon n February 25th, on the evening rain, and they will leave Taunggyi t the end of the school year on the 8th of November. The schedule rovides for a break of ten days at he end of the first term, early enough n the hot season to enable parents vho are in Taunggyi to have the hildren with them for this period.

2. Parents are requested hereafter o send the money for fees, etc., to he Mission Treasurer, Rangoon, nstead of the school, Taunggyi, *at he beginning of each month for which he fees are due,* to be credited to the ccount of the American School.

3. The Committee decided to work ut and adopt a more definite tandarized course of studies for the chool, either by adopting one of the est state courses in the U.S.A. or by combination of the best elements of uch courses. In working out these ourses provision will be made for letailed guidance to parents as to the vork that needs to be done by children efore they are admitted to the school. Mrs. Allen is also considering some plans whereby mothers will be given more direct help in their work of getting the children ready for the second grade, which is required before the child can be admitted as a pupil in the school, this will greatly lessen the work that needs to be done by the mothers and thus lighten their burden. Details of these plans will be given later.

You will be interested to know that Mrs. Raymond arrived in Rangoon on the 2nd of January on her way to Moulmein, where she desired to acquire further medical knowledge and help that would enable her to serve our children better in case of need. On the train down she caught a bad cold, with the result that the doctor here, fearing pneumonia might develop, placed her in the General Hospital yesterday (the 3rd). I am sure we all will keep her in our minds and prayers and trust that the cold will not take the serious turn feared.

Geo. D. Josif,
Chairman of Committee.

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Orphanage Day

Please remember that the second Sunday in February is "All Burma Orphanage Day," in the Sunday Schools. We are hoping that all Sunday School collections on February 14th will be sent to help carry on this work of caring for sixty-five children who have no one to look after them.

Money should be sent to Saya Chit Pwai, Judson Boy's High Shcool, Moulmein.

Mrs. P. R. Hackett,
Superintendent.

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If we had prayed more we need not have worked so hard. We have too little praying face to face with God every day. Looking back at the end, I suspect there will be great grief for our sins of omission—omission to get from God what we might have got by praying.—Andrew A. Bonar.

Arrivals

On December 22nd, by S.S. *Yoma*, Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Hanna and two children.
On December 15th, by S.S. *Takliwa*, Mrs. B. N. Allen, and two children.

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Rev. D. T. and Mrs. Morgan have rented Holly Lodge and Rivett Lodge, two well-built, centrally located houses, well furnished, and having a beautiful view of the snows and valleys. Their object is to provide a really happy home and restful holiday to missionaries and other friends. Good plain food. Terms moderate. Piano. Garden.

Apply Mrs. Morgan, Holly Lodge, Albert Estate, Darjeeling.

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Treasure Chest

A few complete set of the first volume of the Treasure Chest in Burmese are available bound in cloth at Rs. 2 per copy.

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There is now a flourishing Church History Society which has selected representatives to tour in mission lands and undertake to arrange for preserving and collecting historical accounts of the Churches and other Mission institutions. Professor S. J. Case will arrive in Rangoon near the end of January and will be here for four days. I do not know that he wishes to carry away historical documents, but he at least wishes to organize a movement to preserve important documents and to bring them together and to get sound research work done in the preparation of accounts of the various missions. Many stations have valuable materials. They may wish to keep them. Judson College has a good collection and will gladly receive and care for more if they are sent in. I should be glad to know of important documents wherever they are that we may have a list of what is in existence. I shall be glad for any facts that will help Professor Case.

Wallace St. John.

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Karen Theological Seminary

The graduation exercises of the Karen Seminary will be as usual at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday the 27th of January in the chapel at Insein. There will be tea served on the lawn after the services are finished. All friends are cordially invited to be present.

H. I. Marshall.

Notice

Vegetables are in season at the Pyinmana Agricultural School. Shipping days Mondays and Thursdays. Delicious fresh Lima Beans, Tomatoes, Cabbage, Lettuce Turnips, Beets, Chinese Cabbage. Special rate in quantities for school Boarding Departments. Let us help you save money on the school bazaar bill. Pork is shipped on Thursdays, price Rs. 1-12-0 a viss.

Would you prefer to have the next Rural Reconstruction Institute at Pyinmana begin the first part of April right after the Maymyo Bible Assembly instead of in March so that more village teachers can attend during their vacation? Half rates can be secured on the railway. Let me know please.

B. C. Case

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"The Sermon on the Mount" in Sgaw Karen by Dr. Marshall is a reprint of articles that have appeared from time to time in the Karen Seminary Bulletin. The book contains 119 pages. It gives some introductory material and then a detailed exegesis of the fifth chapter of Matthew. The other chapters are still in preparation and will be published later and added to the present publication. It sells for anna twelve.

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Pardon me if I venture to suggest again that all mail to this office on mission business should be addressed to me as Field Secretary. Personal mail does not include Field Secretary in the address. Any mail on mission business of a personal nature should be marked Field Secretary "personal." Mail marked Field Secretary may be opened by Miss Bonney in my absence in order that business items may receive immediate attention, either at the office or by forwarding to me. Mail marked "personal" will be held for my return or forwarded to me. Letters or telegrams on mission business addressed merely as personal mail may be unnecessaryily delayed. Thanking you for your co-operation, yours with thanks.

Field Secretary

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It is imperative that the Burma Mission send to the Board early in the year a brief report of the past year to include in their annual report to the Convention. Mrs. H. W. Smith has kindly consented to put all material in its final form. We solicit your immediate co-operation in the form of a brief report of your work. Mail all material to Mrs. Smith. Many thanks.

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